Martyrs of Science. Every few days the press tells of some eminent physician who sacrifices health or life itself in the cause of might reply that there is abundant science. Thus he loses life that others may find it. The latest cases concern one man who became infected with leprosy through caring for lepers, and another who lost his hand as a result of experimenting with Roentgen rays.

Sir George Turner was knighted because of his eminence as a physician and his heroic self sacrifice in working among the lepers of South Africa. His effort has been to make the lepers more comfortable and to retard the advance of the disease. While engaged in this work he himself became a leper. He now promises to give the that they had worse clothes, houses remainder of his life to the task and has hopes that he may find a cure for the dread disease,

f Dr. Simon, director of the Radiographic institute at Geneva, has contributed much to the knowledge of the X ray. Recently his perllous experiments made necessary the amputation | lar man in view, and that man is usuof his left hand. His partner had already lost two fingers. Despite the danger, both are continuing their work.

What finer example is furnished by modern civilization than that of these patient seekers after truth, who literally give themselves for the good of their fellow men?

Since he became governor general of the Philippines in 1901 it is estimated that President Taft has traveled 315,-000 miles. At thirty miles an hour, which is a fair average as between railroads and steamships, this would require one year and nearly three months, running night and day, and without stops for banquets, speeches or receptions. Yet, barring one trip around the world and another to Rome, practically all of this travel has been in the United States or its possessions. A somewhat sizable country!

An educational expert says that "the foreign born mother is beating the American born mother two to one in the baby industry." In this connection a recent investigation shows that more than three-fourths of the families in Boston's aristocratic Back Bay section have no children. These facts are too serious for light comment. The should shock the American people into a sense of their duty to their country and to the future.

A Massachusetts man who recently died at the age of eighty-seven claimed to have been kept alive for many years by eating molasses. Got so saturated with it that he sort of stuck to life. as it were. .

Psychical Research at Harvard. The popular idea of psychical research is that it consists chiefly of ghost hunting. Such a view is about as near the truth as the general impression that the new psychology deals mostly with mental healing. In both instances the public has taken one feature of these intensely interesting and important new fields of knowledge, or, rather, of investigation, as the whole thing. It is true that the new psychology does touch mental healing, but it relates to the power of suggestion and of the subconscious mind over the formation of character, efficiency, mental poise and moral tone, as well as bodily health. It is likewise true that psychical research has concerned itself with so called spiritistic phenomena, but it has also investigated unusual psychic facts, whether presumed to relate to the dead or the living. Every new science has brought upon

itself ridicule because in the nature of things it had to go into realms of shadow where knowledge was vague. By patient investigation, however, the shadows were dispelled and the knowledge became more definite. In St. Augustine's day mathematicians were looked upon as not quit respectable. During the middle ages all sorts of scientists were regarded as magicians and as being slightly off color.

There is no reason why little understood facts concerning the human mind should not be investigated as are the facts of the material universe. It is infinitely hopeful, therefore, that Harvard university has accepted the \$10,-000 endowment fund for psychical research and is to make it a memorial to the late Dr. Richard Hodgson, secretary of the American Society For Psychical Research for eighteen years.

Harvard is the first college to take such a step. It assures not only that the investigation of ghost stories and of psychic phenomena is to be respectable, but that it is to be carried forward in a scientific spirit.

A Chicago bandit says that women have more nerve than men. Quite right. Women go through bargain day crushes from which mere men flee in

Mexico is like a man with bad blood. No sooner is one insurrectionary boil cured than another breaks out in a different place.

New York state's death rate for 1912 was the lowest ever recorded. Death may yet become unfashionable.

Old age should not be a handicap to anything except an egg.

Masculine Pulchritude.

A medical magazine says that men are growing handsomer. The cynic room. In this the cynic would be wrong. If American men become much more beautiful the feminine balf of creation is in danger of forgetting suffrage and everything else in sheer admiration. The medical publication does not stop with personal pulchritude, however. It says that we are better housed, better fed and better clothed than ever men were before. If this be true the men who lived before have our undivided sympathy. That they were not up to our standard of beauty may be readily conceded, but and food leaves them in a bad way.

Are men growing handsomer? How can they? Possibly the medical editor who wrote this was a trifle subjective in his mental viewpoint. Most men are. They do not think of mankind in broad general terms, but have some particually the one doing the thinking. The "ego in his cosmos" gives him an inflated idea of all masculine loveliness. This is a form of sex vanity.

Heretofore beauty has been thought feminine property, and men have prided themselves on other things. Not few women admit in secret that their masculine ideal is a rough, hairy creature who is a cross between a cave man and a Norse viking. Neither the cave man nor the viking ever saw bathtub or a barber. Whether or not the modern man is handsomer than they, he at least is cleaner and has less bair.

Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, says his men grew quite attached to their dogs in the antarctic. They even became so fond of the faithful beasts that they ate them.

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